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1. Communists in Damascus have received a declaration from the Central Committee of the Communist Party which denounces the Government of Huseini Za'im. The Communists claim that the recent visits to Damascus of emissaries from Transjordan and Iraq, as well as the order for the arrest of Dr. Subhi Abu-Ghanimah, a leader of the anti-'Abdullah movement in Syria, indicate that liaison exists between the Government of Great Britain and Za'im.
2. Communist groups in Damascus have also received instructions to commence giving more responsibilities to women members of the Party, such as the distribution of tracts and transmission of instructions, so that activities will not be interrupted in the event that the Za'im Government begins to arrest male members of the Party.\*

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\* Comment. Although during the first week in April the Za'im Government announced the arrest of fifty Communists, there is no evidence as yet whether this was merely a token gesture, or whether those arrested were really key members of the Party.

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